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[redacted] new language to use to deny requests to expedite processing. I have added it to the FOIA sample book, but not to Privacy (or Appeals). ☐

With regard to your request for expedited processing, I must inform you that all requests are handled in the order received on a "first-in, first-out" basis. Exceptions to this rule will be made only when a compelling need is established to the satisfaction of the Agency. A "compelling need" is deemed to exist: 1) when the matter involves an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or 2) when the request is made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information (i.e., a representative of the news media) and the information is relevant to a subject of public urgency concerning an actual or alleged Federal government activity. Since your request does not demonstrate a "compelling need" as defined above, we must decline your request to expedite processing.

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